

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI
AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE ELECTRIC
UTILITY OPERATIONS CENTER, AND FURTHER
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, Section 3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Utility Operations Center is the communications hub for both Electric and Public Works crews, and also serves as the center for electric operations, dispatch and system control and receives and dispatches various types of calls from the public, other departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the large volume of communication is primarily done via telephone, cell phone and mobile radios, and the public and City staff also enters the area to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement, coupled with the very poor acoustics of the room, produces an extremely difficult work environment for the operator communicating via radios and phones especially during heavy traffic periods such as outages, clearances and electric dispatch; and

WHEREAS, these conditions do delay the operational functions and therefore adds a significant safety element to the effective, accurate and precise communications required for a safe and efficient dispatch operation; and

WHEREAS, due to the growth in the City, and in turn the electric distribution system, the dispatch board has expanded and is now utilizing the entire available space from floor to ceiling. The growth has also resulted in an increased number of records and maps that must be kept on file but still readily available; and

WHEREAS, staff therefore recommends the following: 1) that carpeting be installed in the area resulting in a significant improvement in acoustics; 2) isolate area from the dispatch section where the public and City staff can interact with operations staff while conducting business without interference to the dispatching operator; 3) installation of a new dispatch board with room for expansion with storage cabinets along one wall within the operations center, which will also provide needed countertop space for placement of maps and drawings when preparing various operational documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the improvements within the Electric Utility Operations Center, and further appropriates funds in the total amount of \$12,500.00 for this project.

Dated: December 20, 2000

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-227 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held December 20, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and
Mayor Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk